IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 21, 1999

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This amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed **December 21, 1999**. In light of the following amendments and subsequent remarks, favorable reconsideration of the above captioned application is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A computer-readable medium having <u>a plurlaity of</u>

<u>executable instructions at least a subset of which, when executed, implement a</u>

<u>method</u> [computer-executable instructions for providing access to a computer network by performing steps] comprising: